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SUBJECT: MEXICAN SLAUGHTERHOUSE MEAT EXPORTS

PLEASE TRANSMIT TO UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HERNANDEZ OR
OTHER OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO
QUESTIONS RAISED BY HIS DELEGATION AT THE JULY 21-22 TRADE
SUBGROUP CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST THAT WE EXAMINE THE
POSSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING MEXICAN SLAUGHTERHOUSES BUYING
U.S. CATTLE AND REEXPORTING THE BEEF AS BORDER INDUSTRIES,
WE HAVE REVIEWED THE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THIS ISSUE.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS SERVICE HAVE INFORMED
US THAT THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS IN MEXICO DO NOT
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COME WITHIN ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARTS 1A AND 1B OF
SCHEDULE 8 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES,
WHICH ALLOW FOR FULL OR PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM DUTY. THE
806-807 LEGISLATION APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO GOODS THAT ARE
ASSEMBLED IN MEXICO FROM U.S. INPUTS AND NOT TO THOSE THAT
ARE PROCESSED OR MANUFACTURED. WHENEVER A PRODUCT UNDERGOES
A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OR TRANSFORMATION IN ANOTHER COUNTRY,

THE DESIGNATION OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MUST ALSO CHANGE.

2. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS NO LATITUDE UNDER THE CURRENT LAW, AND THUS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE THE REQUESTED REDEFINITION COULD TAKE PLACE. CHANGING THE LAW THAT DETERMINES COUNTRY OF ORIGIN WOULD HAVE WIDESPREAD IMPLICATIONS FOR MANY PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED IMPORTS AND WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO POLICE. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER SUCH A CHANGE.

3. YOUR DELEGATION ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE SECTION 201 INVESTIGATION ON FRESH CUT FLOWERS. YOU ARE NO DOUBT ALREADY AWARE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION HAS JUST CONCLUDED ITS INVESTIGATION AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IMPORTS OF FRESH CUT FLOWERS INTO THE U.S. DO NOT CAUSE INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. VANCE

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